

# PRAYER IN THE HOME

## FOR THE SUNDAYS OF LENT

### GATHERING

The Lord be with you.  
And also with you.

Let us light a candle to remember that God is with us.

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;  
O my God, in you I trust.

You are the God of my salvation;  
To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

In you I hope all the day long.  
O my God, in you I trust.

### PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

### COLLECT FOR THE DAY

### CONFESSION

Compassion and forgiveness belong to the Lord our God,  
though we have rebelled against him.

Let us then renounce our wilfulness and ask his mercy

By confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

*Silence is kept.*

We confess to you our selfishness and lack of love:  
fill us with your Spirit.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

We confess to you our fear and failure in sharing our faith:  
fill us with your Spirit.

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

We confess to you our stubbornness and lack of trust:  
fill us with your Spirit.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

May the God of love  
bring us back to himself,  
forgive us our sins,  
and assure us of his eternal love  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### PSALM

### BIBLE READING

**SERMON** You will be able to find this week's sermon at:  
<https://stbcc.co.uk/sermons>

## **INTERCESSIONS & CLOSING PRAYER**

With confidence and trust let us pray to God our Father:

For the people of Ukraine, for protection,  
that peace and justice will prevail;  
for those who bear arms on behalf of the nation,  
that they may have discipline and discernment,  
courage and compassion.

Lord of compassion,  
**in your mercy hear us.**

For peace in the world,  
that a spirit of respect and reconciliation may grow  
among nations and peoples.

Lord of compassion,  
**in your mercy hear us.**

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer;  
for refugees, prisoners, and all in danger;  
that they may be relieved and protected.

Lord of compassion,  
**in your mercy hear us.**

For those whom we have injured or offended.  
Lord of compassion,  
**in your mercy hear us.**

For the mission of the Church,  
that in faithful witness it may preach the gospel  
to the ends of the earth.

Lord of compassion,  
**in your mercy hear us.**

For grace to amend our lives  
and to further the reign of God.

Lord of compassion,  
**in your mercy hear us.**

We commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray,  
to the mercy and protection of God.

Merciful Father,  
**accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**

Trusting in the compassion of God,  
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.  
Amen.**

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness,  
To deny yourselves, take up your cross and follow him.